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INTERNET PAYMENT OPTIONS CONTINUE TO EXPAND ***San Diego County is First to Launch another Internet Payment Option***

San Diego County tomorrow will become the first County in the state, and possibly the first in the nation, to allow property taxes to be paid over the Internet using Electronic Checks.

The new service provides yet another payment option for county taxpayers. These options include cash, check, credit cards, and now electronic checks. The process to pay taxes using an electronic check is as easy as a credit card transaction on the Internet, only you don't need a credit card, just a checking account.

"We expect this option to be very attractive to people paying taxes through the Internet," said Bart J. Hartman, County Treasurer-Tax Collector. "The expansion of payment options to our citizens is a promise I am pleased to say we have kept. People without a credit card, or who choose not to use one, can now pay their taxes online."

"Increasing customer service and providing less expensive alternatives to our citizens have been a focus for this County," said Pam Slater, Chairwoman of the County Board of Supervisors. "I am pleased that Mr. Hartman is again the first in the State to offer a new and better service to our citizens."

Beginning on Thursday, November 18, taxpayers can sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site, www.sdtreastax.com, and follow prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. There is a \$3 processing fee for using the system. The County does not receive any revenue from the fees.

Additional information may be obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's main office located in the County Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego, or by calling (619) 531-5225.

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